

Outcome – NPS Grants Request For Proposals FFY 2007 Grants for NPS Water Pollution Control Projects

In a press release July 28, DEP announced \$560,000 will fund 11 projects designed to reduce pollution in Maine's lakes and streams. NPS grants will be funded with anticipated federal fiscal year 2007 monies provided to Maine by the EPA under Section 319 of the Federal Clean Water Act.

DEP Commissioner David Littell said, "Not all pollution comes from industrial facilities. In fact, every time it rains or the snow melts, pollutants such as dirt, sediment, nutrients, bacteria and oils can be carried by water runoff to our brooks, lakes or coastal waters. Over time, if unchecked, clean waters can gradually become polluted. These NPS watershed projects recognize water pollution sources in watersheds and give communities the necessary funding to take action to protect or restore clean lakes, streams, brooks and coastal waters."

DEP issued the RFP in April and received 27 proposals requesting at total of 1.2 million dollars. This response demonstrates that local community-based partnerships value clean water and are recognizing and finding solutions to NPS problems. A review committee evaluated and scored all proposals. DEP will be working with grantees to adjust work plans as needed to secure final approval. Grant awards are subject to receipt of federal FFY 2007 319 funds. Grants are tentatively planned to enable start-up of projects in about April 2007.

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Proposals Summary

<i>Project Type</i>	<i>Funds Requested</i>	<i>Funds to be Awarded</i>
Watershed Projects	\$1,064,132 18 proposals	\$517,173 proposals
Watershed Surveys	\$135,186 9 proposals	\$42,716 proposals

Projects to Be Awarded NPS Grants in 2007

<i>Proposal</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Match</i>
NPS Watershed Projects			
Annabessacook Lake Rehabilitation Project	Cobboossee Watershed District	46,400	44,800
Branch Lake Watershed Improvement – Phase I	Hancock County SWCD	73,165	51,941
Cobboossee Lake Water Quality Protection	Kennebec County SWCD	72,640	68,760
East Pond Watershed Restoration - Phase III	Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance	50,545	35,200
Forest Lake Conservation Project - Phase II	Cumberland County SWCD	75,000	58,228
Hancock & Sand Ponds Conservation - Phase I	Cumberland County SWCD	75,000	53,761
Raymond Pond Conservation	Raymond, Town of	54,238	41,363
Tacoma Lakes NPS Abatement	Kennebec County SWCD	70,185	50,580
NPS Watershed Surveys			
Goodall Brook Watershed Source Assessment	York County SWCD	14,635	11,300
Lincoln Lakes NPS Watershed Survey	Penobscot County SWCD	16,567	11,500
Pleasant Lake / Parker Watershed Survey	Pleasant Lake / Parker Pond Association	11,514	9,406